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State Personnel Board Elects CalPERS Representative

SACRAMENTO –The California State Personnel Board (SPB) on Friday elected Shawnda Westly as its representative to serve on the California Public Employees' Retirement Board (CalPERS).

Westly replaces Mona Pasquil Rogers, who represented SPB on the CalPERS board in 2019. Pasquil Rogers remains on the State Personnel Board.

Westly was appointed to the board in 2018 and has served as the board's vice president since 2019. She is the president of Westly Consulting, which focuses on political, policy and legislative consulting, including issue advocacy, political strategy and donor management. Westly served as senior strategist and executive director of the California Democratic Party from 2009-2018 where her responsibilities included employee management, organizational and campaign strategy, member engagement, fundraising and ally building.

Friday's vote comes after the board selected its officers for 2020 at its December 12, 2019 meeting. The board elected Lauri Shanahan as president and Westly as vice president. The other two members of the board are Kathy Baldree and Kimiko Burton.

Established by the State Constitution, SPB administers the civil service system by overseeing the hiring of state employees who provide critical services to the citizens of California. SPB establishes rules and policy related to the merit system, and audits departments for compliance. SPB adjudicates appeals from state employee disciplinary actions, and alleged violations of civil service law that are filed by employees, applicants, and members of the public. More information on SPB and its board members can be found on its website at www.spb.ca.gov.

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